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market a week or so ago by Geo. McLeod, Toronto (cloth, \$1.25, paper, 75c) and although nothing remarkable in the sales has yet been reported, it would not surprise us if there was an immense demand for this book. In the first place, it is a love story. While it is an historical novel, it is history cast entirely in a modern setting. Altogether it is a fascinating book, quite off the line of current novels. The story, briefly, is the episode in English history in which Mary Tudor, sister of Henry VIII, marries first the venerable King of France. and then her lover, Chas. Brandon, who was created Duke of Suffolk. The proud impetuous sister of the imperious and somewhat coarse Henry is drawn to the life. That she loved her own way goes without saying, and that she indulged in many a prank is also undeniable. The character of the King is well-drawn-quick tempered. coarse, and determined. This is the period before he divorced Katharine, and the author has probably come pretty near the truth in his delineation of the King. The book may be recommended for Summer reading. Some of the episodes in which Mary figures in her relations with her old and young lovers would be open to criticism if they were not so delicately handled. Over 60,000 copies of this book have been sold in the United States since it appeared there, and it certainly deserves a good share of the Canadian market.

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